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In re Application of  
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Docket No.: 2119-0171P  
For: FIBER OPTIC SWITCH PROCESS AND  
OPTICAL DESIGN

OFFICE OF PETITIONS  
DECISION NOTING JOINDER  
OF INVENTOR AND PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a),  
filed December 23, 2002.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration  
under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary and the petition is  
considered to be moot. This application does not have any Rule  
1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file  
wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for  
further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial  
Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to  
the undersigned at (703) 305-0310.

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